Atty. Dkt. No. 016910/0467

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Toshikazu SATO et al.

Title:

GAS RECLAIMING EQUIPMENT

Appl. No.:

Unassigned

Filing Date:

September 29, 2000

Examiner:

Unassigned

Art Unit:

Unassigned

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents Box PATENT APPLICATION Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of a document known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of the listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present invention.

176 17/0

Atty. Dkt. No. 016910/0467

## CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 discloses a sulphur hexafluoride gas recovery apparatus for a gas insulated switching device having a deaeration unit which separates and removes liquified sulphur hexafluoride from a compressed gas mixture, which is then compressed and exhausted through a second switching valve. An English translation of document A1 is not readily available; however, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609). An English language abstract is provided for document A1.

The listed document is being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three months of the filing date.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 29, 2000

FOLEY & LARDNER
Washington Harbour
3000 K Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20007-5109
Telephone: (202) 672-5489
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

For Johnny A. Kumar
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 34,649

(MODIFIED) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 016910/0467 Unassigned  APPLICANT  Toshikazu SATO et al.  FILING DATE  (Use several sheets if necessary) September 29, 2000 Unassigned  U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS	Form PTO-14	110	II S DEDARTMEN	IT OF COMMEDCE	ATTY DOOKET NO		1 00011	Page 1	of 1
APPLICANT TOSHIKAZU SATO et al.  (Use several sheets if necessary)  U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS  U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS  EXAMINER INITIAL  REF DOCUMENT NUMBER  POREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  POREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  TRANSLATION  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author. Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)					ATTY. DOCKET NO.		SERIAL NO.		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION  (Use several sheets if necessary)  U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS  U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS  EXAMINER REF DOCUMENT DATE NAME CLASS SUB-CLASS PILLING DATE APPROPRIATE  FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS NO A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN CLASS CLASS NO Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	(IVIODII IED)		PATENT AND TRA	ADEMARK OFFICE			Unassigned		
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS  EXAMINER REF DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE NAME CLASS SUB-CLASS PILING DATE APPROPRIATE  FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS YES NO Abst.  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN CLASS CLASS YES NO Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	INFO	ORMATI	ON DISCLOSURE	CITATION	i i	oshikazu SA	TO et al.	75	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS  U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS  EXAMINER INTIAL REF DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE NAME CLASS SUB- FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE  FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  REF DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB- CLASS YES NO Abst.  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN CASS CLASS YES NO Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)					FILING DATE		GROUP ART UND		
EXAMINER REF NUMBER DATE NAME CLASS SUBCLASS FILING DATE PROPRIATE  FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  REF DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUBCLASS YES NO A11 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN CLASS CLASS YES NO Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	(Use several sheets if necessary)				September 29, 2000				
EXAMINER REF NUMBER DATE NAME CLASS SUB- FILING DATE APPROPRIATE  FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  REF DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB- CLASS TRANSLATION Y A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN TRANSLATION OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								100	8
INITIAL REF NUMBER DATE NAME CLASS CLASS IF APPROPRIATE  FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  REF NUMBER DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUBCLASS YES NO  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN CLASS CLASS YES NO  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		Τ		U.S. PATE	NI DOCUMENTS			ᅮᅩᆝ	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS NO Abst.  1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN CLASS Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	EXAMINER	REF	1	DATE	NAME	CLASS			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS NO Y A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	INITIAL				TO HOLE	CEAGG			
REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS NO YES NO Abst.  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						-			
REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS NO YES NO Abst.  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)									
REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS NO YES NO Abst.  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		-				-		-	
REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS NO YES NO Abst.  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)									
REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS NO YES NO Abst.  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)									
REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS NO YES NO Abst.  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)									
REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS NO YES NO Abst.  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)									
REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS NO YES NO Abst.  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)									
REF DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUB-CLASS NO YES NO Abst.  A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						-,			
REF NUMBER DATE COUNTRY CLASS YES NO V A1 9-285719 11/97 JAPAN Abst.  OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)				FOREIGN PA	TENT DOCUMENTS				
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		DEE	DOCUMENT	DATE	COUNTRY	CLACC	SUB-	TRANSLATION	
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		REF }	NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS		YES	NO
	V	A1	9-285719	11/97 JA	PAN				Abst.
							<u> </u>		
	·			-			-	<del> </del>	
	-						-		
		1							
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED			OTHER DOCUM	MENTS (Including)	Author, Title, Date, Pe	ertinent Pages.	Etc.)		
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				<del></del>	<del>-</del>
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED	ı					**			
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED			·	177.00					
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED									
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED						***			, <u> </u>
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED					<u>.</u>				
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED			<del> </del>		<del></del>				
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED						-	-		
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED									
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED									
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED									
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED				<del></del> ,				<del></del>	
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED	EVA MINIED	ll		·					
	CARIVINER				DATE CONSIDE	KEU			
* EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw									
line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include any copy of this form with next communication to applicant.				contormance and	a not considered. I	nclude any c	opy of this	torm wi	ith next